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Chapter 23: What can immobilize the Dangpa?

BARRACK COMMANDER...

YOU CAN'T BEAT A SWORD WITH A SPEAR, UNLESS YOU'RE IN A BAEKBYUNGJEON*,
ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE IN A STRATEGIC FORMATION.
A DANGPA IS A WEAPON THAT CATCHES A SPEAR AND RENDERS ITS ATTACK USELESS.

*T/N A BATTLE WHERE TWO OPPOSING SIDES ARE LINED UP WITH LONG-DISTANCE WEAPONS

ET OF!!
HUH?
WHAT?

URGH!
!!
THERE ARE NO LONG-RANGE WEAPONS FASTER OR MORE PRECISE THAN A SPEAR,
ESPECIALLY A GREAT SPEAR, WHICH CAN REACH FARTHER THAN FOUR AND A HALF METERS AWAY. HOWEVER, A DANGPA CAN GO AGAINST SUCH WEAPONS HEAD TO HEAD.
ACCURACY, REFLEX POWER AND THE COURAGE TO FACE AN INCOMING SPEAR HEAD-ON
WHEN THESE FACTORS COME TOGETHER, YOU CAN UNLEASH THE DANGPA'S POWER.
YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THOSE WHO WIELD A DANGPA EFFECTIVELY A PROPERLY TRAINED SOLDIER
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THEN WHAT WEAPON CAN DEFEAT A DANGPA?
THERE ARE NONE. MAYBE IF YOU HAD A BOW OR A GUN THAT YOU COULD SHOOT FROM AFAR WITH.
WHAT?
THE DANGPA'S ONLY WEAKNESS IS THAT IT IS HARD TO HANDLE.
IF YOU CAN HANDLE IT PROPERLY, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.
IT IS NATURALLY EFFECTIVE AGAINST SPEARS
AND BECAUSE IT CAN USE SPEAR TECHNIQUES, FIGHTING AGAINST IT WITH A SWORD IS DISADVANTAGEOUS.
YOU MIGHT STAND A CHANCE WITH A RATTAN SHIELD BUT,
THE SHIELD IS EXPENSIVE AND THE ARMY ONLY DISTRIBUTES A FEW.

THEN, YOU CAN'T BEAT A DANGPA WITHOUT A SHIELD?
THEORETICALLY YOU CAN.
THERE IS ONE SWORD TECHNIQUE THAT CAN DEFEAT A DANGPA...
DID YOU SAY...
A SWORD TECHNI-QUE?
YES. THE SILLA'S TRADITIONAL SWORD,
HOWEVER YOU MUST POSSESS ONE THING IF YOU WISH TO USE IT.
POSSESS ONE THING?
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IMPRES-SIVE.
I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE WIELD A DANGPA AS PROFICIENTLY AS YOU IN A WHILE.
YOU SEEM RATHER UNCONCERNED, TO BE COMPLIMENTING YOUR ENEMY WHEN YOUR WEAPON HAS BEEN IMMOBILIZED.
YOU SHOULDN'T ACT SO UNCONCERNED YOURSELF!
!

THE TRADITIONAL SWORD STYLE IS THE ONLY METHOD OF FIGHTING AGAINST A DANGPA.
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU CAME FOR MY HEAD?
WHY DON'T YOU TRY TAKING IT?!
In order to use this method, you must possess not technique but...

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HE'S EXUDING A PRETTY HEAVY AURA. INTERESTING...
DO YOU MEAN TO FACE A DANGPA WITH A SWORD? HOW AMUSING.

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IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.
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Was he just an amateur who can't measure his distance?
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AN OPENING!!

KICK
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Did he...?
He made him aim for his injured leg.
It's easier to dodge an attack you know is coming.

IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE
UNLESS THERE IS A SERIOUS DISPARITY IN SKILL, A SWORD CANNOT DEFEAT A DANGPA.
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The traditional sword style that can defeat a dangpa..
and not the technique but...
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The ability to face an incoming dangpa...
Courage!!

He blocked from that distance?
Was he waiting?

KICK OFF

I'm alive...?
CHET... JUST A STEP MORE...
!

IT'S YOUR LOSS.

LUCK IS ALSO A SKILL.
THE WINNER OF THE BATTLE IS THE LAST ONE STANDING.
HEH. A GENERAL'S MINDSET.
THEN, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN WIN A BATTLE AGAINST ME?
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN
YOU AND THIS MAN WERE CLASHING SWORDS, SO WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO SAVE HIM?
I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK HIM.
TRUTHFULLY..

IT SEEMS I MUST RETREAT.
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THIS IS THE ONLY TIME I WILL RETREAT.
THERE WILL NOT BE A SECOND TIME.

BOSS, ARE WE REALLY LETTING HIM GO?
!
YEAH. HE HAS GOOD EYES.
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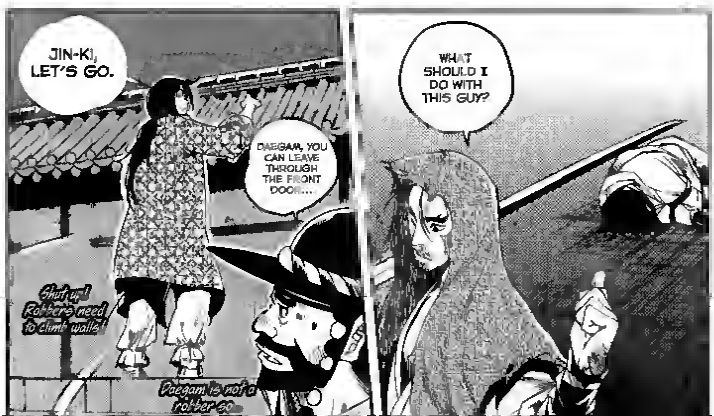
YO, CURRENT LORD AS YOUR RETIRED ELDER, LET ME TELL YOU ONE THING ..
Y-yes... Daegam...
What is all this...
Huh, what's me?
I'll kill you if you mess with munitions again!!
Yes, I'll keep that in mind.


JIN-KI, LET'S GO.
DAEGAM, YOU CAN LEAVE THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR....
Shut up! Robbers need to climb walls!
Daegam is not a robber so
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS GUY?

HMMM...
I GUESS WE NEED TO PATCH UP THE HOLE ON HIS LEG, HUH?

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